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## Amendment t the Abstract

The Abstract has been amended. A revised Abstract is attached.

## ABSTRATABSTRACT

What is made available by the present invention is a A battery, in which measures are taken to suppress a reduction in charge/discharge capacity and degradation of load characteristics due to peeling of an active material off the current collector during repeated charging and discharging, is disclosed the use of the battery with charge/discharge operations repeated. An application of a boehmite Boehmite treatment or a chromate treatment to of the current collector surface of the electrode plate for the battery makes it possible for suppresses the degradation of charge/discharge capacity and load characteristics to be suppressed to a minimum.

Attachment